

BUSINESS SPECIALS.

Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line. Special low prices on canned goods at Ridlon's for two weeks.

A few of those good rockers and other native goods left at Otto Schnur's Main street.

20 per cent. discount on jardiniere and flower pots to clear up odds and ends, at C. F. Ridlon's.

Lady wants housework to do. Address box 612, Norway, Me.

You can buy a wool carpet at a low price, this month, of C. F. Ridlon, Norway.

A good second-hand sleigh for sale. Inquire of Dr. H. P. Jones.

Thirty horses, all sizes and prices. Also 50 empty barrels, at Andrews' stable.

NORWAY AND VICINITY

Stated communication, Oxford Lodge, F. & A. M., Friday evening.

Horace C. Kimball of Bridgton visited his son, Harry W. Kimball, Tuesday.

Arthur Hebbard gave that doll to his little niece. We make this announcement for Mr. Hebbard's comfort.

The pupils of Noble's Corner school presented their teacher, Sadie E. Millett, with a very handsome lamp as a Christmas gift.

Arthur E. Morrison and wife of Rumford Falls came to town, Monday, for a brief visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Howe.

Crowds of young people—and some of the older ones as well—nightly flock to the lake where skating is enjoyed until almost midnight.

G. E. Tabbs, treasurer of the Norway Savings Bank, attended the meeting of the Maine Savings Bank Association at Portland, Tuesday.

Several of the cutters in the Spinney shop were laid off on Friday, presumably on account of work cut ahead of the stitching department.

At Christmas, Mrs. Julia Jordan Bennett, fore-lady in the Spinney shoe factory, was presented with an elegant watch chain by the girls of her department.

A. F. Andrews went to Augusta, Monday, and is now a full-fledged member of the House of Representatives. This is the third time that he has been in the legislature.

Moll W. Sampson and John F. Sampson spent four days at Camp Medford in Stoneham, last week. They built a new kitchen on the camp and did other carpentering while there.

Elbridge Walker and George W. Hobbs put in a day at fishing through the ice on Moose pond in Oldfield. They got twenty good pickers, the largest weighing 2 pounds and 9 ounces.

Mrs. C. W. Gardner and three sons went to Hebron, Monday, where the boys attend school. They have been at the Beal's a few weeks. Mr. Gardner is the general manager of the Oxford Paper Co. at Rumford Falls.

The high school scholars had a private dance in the opera house, Monday evening, and watched the new century come in. There were quite a number of invited friends present and in all about forty couples had a very happy time.

The annual meeting of the First Universalist Parish closed on Thursday evening of this week. The business meeting begins at 7:30 o'clock, previously to which a supper will be served for the members of the parish, pewholders and regular attendants of the church.

Mrs. Thomas Knightly has sold her farm and is to move to Danbury, N. H. Next Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 o'clock a. m., she is to have an auction and will sell some stock, pullets, mowing machine, wagons, sleigh and some household goods. A. D. Park, auctioneer.

A stranger after living in Norway, a short time, is now helping to improve the thrift and industry of the place and will naturally be surprised that more manufacturing interests are not established. Of course diversified industries would be a great boon to the town.

The McDonald-Spencer Co., supporting the talented young actor, Impresario Donald, will be at Norway Opera House Jan. 3, 4, 5. Thursday evening they play "The Way of the World," Friday "The Soldier's Love," Saturday "The Convict." Refined and up-to-date specialties.

At the annual Christmas meeting of Oxford County Association of Knights Templar the following officers were elected:

Eminent Commander—Charles L. Hathaway. Generalissimo—Frank Kimball. Captain General—Augustus N. French. Treasurer—Charles G. Mason. Recorder—Howard D. Smith.

The officers of the past year were re-elected at the Congregational Sabbath school, Sunday:

Superintendent—Horace Sanburn. Vice Superintendent—E. N. Sweet. Treasurer—W. F. Jones. Librarian—James Tabbs.

The school has had the largest average attendance for 1900 of any year in its history.

Governor John F. Hill of Augusta has accepted an invitation from A. O. Noyes Company, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, to be present with staff at a Governor's reception in Norway, Feb. 1st. The general and staff of the Maine Brigade of the Uniform Rank, and the colonel and staff of the first regiment are expected to be present. The reception committee will include leading citizens of Norway and vicinity. The reception will be followed by a ball and a banquet.

C. B. Cummings & Sons bought the old dry-house connected with the lumber mill at Steep Falls. This building is 15x20 feet and all piped ready for use. G. B. Yeaton was the boss mover and the motive power was two yokes of oxen and ten teams of horses. They started it on Monday afternoon. The streets traveled by it are Fair, Winter, Beal, Cottage, Summer, Whitman and Bridge and the final place to say Whoa is near the cooper shop on the flat below the boiler house of the firm. Big job to keep wires out of the way.

Norway Municipal Court.

Game Warden Albion F. Trumbull of Denmark arrested William E. Decker of Bridgton, logging a rifle and shot on the trail of a deer wounded by a bullet that fitted that rifle. He was brought before Judge Davis, where he pleaded not guilty. He was convicted and sentenced to pay \$40 and costs, which he did.

The monthly term for civil business was held on Tuesday. Nothing of unusual interest, several new cases brought, several old cases dismissed and others continued. No trials.

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Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, N. E. O. P., will visit Stony Brook Lodge of South Paris on the evening of Jan. 9th, to be present at the installation of their officers. Grand officers will be present.

Among the older women of Norway who are living quiet yet busy useful lives is Mrs. John A. Keene of Beal St. She is a splendid representative of that generation who never could be idle. While confined for the most part to the house her skill in the use of the needle has been a blessing to others. As many as a half dozen beautiful silk quilts have been made by her in the past few years beside other articles. The ice on Moose pond in Oldfield was recently made the happy owner of one of her beautiful quilts, a gift from this good woman.

Tuesday evening, Alonzo E. Shurtleff of South Paris, District Deputy Grand Master, installed the officers of Norway Lodge, I. O. O. F., for 1901, as follows: S. G. Henry J. Bangs, V. G. Merton L. Kimball, T. Harry E. Gibson, W. Lewis J. Brooks, C. Harry G. Lovell, R. S. N. G. G. Julian Brown, L. S. V. G. Frank E. Williams, D. W. S. G. Frank E. DeCoster, L. S. V. G. Henry B. Foster, L. S. S. G. Edward E. Libby, L. G. Fred A. Crockett, O. G. Herbert A. Rich, Ch. Charles S. Akers.

A True Story.

A local shoemaker went to Lewiston, Christmas eve, to be gone till Wednesday. Being one of the "good fellows" who are always ready for sport of any kind, he was easily persuaded to "take a hand in the game." A few hours later he left the table, seventy-seven dollars the he had and succeeded in borrowing his fare to Norway.

The moral of this is that the Maine card-sharp can give the Western boys an all day's start and "skin" them easily in the evening.

The following officers were elected at the last regular meeting of the Elm Tree Colony, U. O. F. E.: Lt. Gov.—E. G. Burnell. Sec.—George W. Locke. Col.—J. P. Edwards. Treas.—Herbert Bradbury. Serj.—at Arms—Emma Chapman. Deputy Serj.—at Arms—Edith E. Edwards. Chap.—Harvey Snow. J. S. Kent, W. H. Smith. Outside Sec.—J. C. Twombly. Ex-Gov.—C. A. Hemingway.

The officers of Elm Tree Colony, United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers, will be installed on next Wednesday evening. The installing officer will be Charles E. Sweet of Lewiston, Deputy Supreme Governor.

Simon, son of Joseph and Ruth (Bradbury) Stevens was born in Norway, Me., 1818, and died at his home overlooking Lake Penesseewassee, on Monday morning, the last day of the old century. His life was spent in Norway with the exception of a few years when he lived in Bethel. Mr. Stevens was a hard farmer and a valuable citizen of the town. He was an active worker in the Methodist church. He served the town several terms as selectman. He married Harriet N. Upton, who survives. They have one son, Charles A., the well known writer for the Youth's Companion, author of works of fiction and also of several scientific works on biology. Mr. Stevens had been in poor health a long time. The funeral is at the house at 1 o'clock of Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Ruth, the widow of the late Dr. Willard G. George, died at Somerville, Mass., Friday. Her maiden name was Ruth Damon and she was a native of Wiscasset. In May, 1840, she married Willard G. George, a young clergyman at the Universalist denomination. They lived at Dresden, Me., and later at St. Stephen, N. B. Mr. George was forced to give up preaching on account of an affection of the throat. He had devoted considerable time to the study of chemistry and supplementing that by a medical course he began the practice of medicine at St. Stephen. In 1865, they moved to Norway, which was his native town, and resided here till his death in 1899. Since then Mrs. George had lived with her daughters in New York and Massachusetts. There were four children: Lucy C., who married Hosea P. Aldrich, lives in Somerville, Mass., and at whose home the mother passed her last years; Susan D., widow of Dr. Fred E. Crockett, who lives at Ipswich, Mass.; Ella A., who died in Norway; and Jennie B., who married Elgin A. Simonds, and resided at Syracuse, N. Y., till her death, a few years since. The funeral was held at Somerville. On Monday, the daughters brought their mother to Norway for her last rest beside her husband in Pine Grove cemetery. Mrs. George is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edwin W. Howe of Norway.

Harry Nevers and Charles Cragin went, Tuesday, to the Maine Medical School, Brunswick, where they are students.

F. W. Plaisted of Augusta, Deputy Grand High Priest, will visit Oxford Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jan. 10. Work in R. A. degree.

The guests of the Beal's Hotel dined on trout, Wednesday. They were those seized by the officer at Thompson pond and sold to Landlord Woodman. Addie and Charibel DeCoster had a birthday party, Monday evening. It was attended by their schoolmates. Wednesday evening, Willie Horne, another high school student, had a birthday party.

Moll W. Sampson is circulating a petition to the legislature. It asks that the wharf at South Paris, Maine, be permanently closed to fishermen, and that Lake Penesseewassee and Little Penesseewassee or Hobbs pond be opened to fishing when the ice goes out instead of on May 1st.

The Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer will be observed by the churches of Norway beginning Monday evening, Jan. 7th. The purpose is for all religious bodies to unite effort in calling attention to the deepest, best and most important things in human life and in human action.

First of all in importance is the religious element. When that is its proper place and empire the educational and moral will have their proportionate share of attention. While the public conscience and welfare are of the highest importance, the value and importance of the need of Christian character must be continually urged.

President Hyde of Bowdoin College has said that the type of character which is strong and deep and pure enough to stand the strain of modern life is that of the conscious and confessed Christian.

In what community in our commonwealth is the influence of this community? One object in the observance of the week of prayer is to unite all Christian forces, to urge the importance of turning all individual powers into useful channels and good habits of thought and life. We as churches invite all the people to join in the effort, thus making the first year of this new century the most fruitful for good to this community that it has ever known.

Union services of all the churches will begin on Monday evening, Jan. 7th, at 7:30 o'clock at the Universalist church. Subject: "The Need of the Religious Element in Society."

Tuesday evening, services at the Methodist church. Subject: "Prayer as a Factor in and Means of Realizing the Religious Life and Blessings We Seek."

Wednesday evening, services at the Baptist church. Prayer for a church which through faith in Christ and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit shall be a Wholly Christian Church. God's Will and Winning the World to Christ.

Thursday evening, services at the Congregational church. Subject: "Friendship with Christ: What it Means, Involves and Leads to."

Friday evening, services at the Methodist church. Prayer for such Christian Character and Life as shall be Pleasant in the Home, Honored in Business Relations, Welcomed in the Neighborhood, Helpful in the Church—Personal Religion being thus Manifested in its Rightful Attractiveness.

All the people are invited to join in this movement. Lend your personal influence to it.

There was a good attendance at the watch meeting in the Methodist church, Monday evening. The pastor, Rev. B. Franklin Fickett, was unable to be present on account of sickness, and the meeting was in charge of a divinity student, Dennis L. Joshi, who is first vice-president of the local Epworth League. The services began at 9 o'clock and were very interesting till after midnight. Two young people expressed a desire to lead the Christian life. Old and young took part in the services, of which the following was the order: Praise service..... Congregation Singing..... Congregation Duet..... Miss Murrehead, Della Stevens Reading..... Carrie Davis Reading..... Mrs. Dennis Joshi Solo..... The Beautiful City..... Mrs. Joshi Solo..... The Occasion..... Dennis L. Joshi Speaking..... Mrs. B. Franklin Fickett Reading..... Mrs. B. Franklin Fickett Speaking..... Leroy Wheeler Solo..... We are Nearing the City..... Mrs. Dennis Joshi Testimony Meeting..... Midnight prayer..... Closing hymn—Blest be the Tie.

Henry F. Morton.

Deacon Morton died at his home in South Paris, Sunday forenoon, after a severe sickness of about two months duration.

Henry Franklin Morton, the second of the three children of William S. and Prudence S. (Bates) Morton, was born in the town of Corinna, Dec. 5, 1839. When two years old, his father died and after a couple of years more, the fatherless child was given a home with an uncle who lived in Auburn. He was sent to Hebron Academy, and then by his own exertions, teaching in vacations, studying at night, and keeping everlastingly at it, he earned a diploma from the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill. All through his life he felt a disappointment that he did not round out his schooling by a course at Harvard University. Such had been his intention, but his eyes refused to stand up under the strain which he put on them, and he was forced to abandon the cherished idea of a liberal education.

He had a natural bent for mechanics, and was skillful in the use of woodworking tools. He settled at North Paris, where he had a job in the shoe factory, and being determined to have a business of his own, began to make children's sleds for sale. The work was done by hand, but it was well done, and it supplied a previously undiscovered demand, in a short time he had built up a business that required more room. So he moved to West Sumner and built a factory, water-power being obtained from the west branch of the Nezinscot river.

While there he had Thomas E. Stearns and B. F. Bates, as partners. Baby carriages and children's carts were added to the line of manufactures. Later Mr. Forbes and George B. Crockett were associated with him in the business. In 1870, the people of Put Hill offered substantial inducements for the removal of the business to that place, which was accomplished in the following year, a factory being built, and power obtained from steam. At that time the business was put on a new basis. Mr. Morton was the first superintendent and agent of the Paris Mill Manufacturing Co. and George B. Crockett the first secretary. Mr. Crockett still retains that position with the present factory. In 1888 the plant was burned, but was rebuilt on a larger scale. Additions have been made from time to time. To-day, factory and yard cover six or seven acres of which space more than a third is occupied by buildings. The floor space of factory and storehouses amounts to nearly five acres. The power is taken from a steam engine; the factory is heated by steam and the sawdust and shavings are conducted by automatic blowers from the machines to a pile kind used. Besides sleds and children's carts, they manufacture toboggans, desks, step-ladders, games like crokinole, tables, school furniture, backs for bill files, folding chairs and many other kinds of hard-wood wares. The popular name of the place is called by the name so long outgrown of the sled factory. Woodworking, ironworking, painting, are all done there, and in each department a fine quality of workmanship has been developed. The goods of the Manufacturing Co. are for sale all over the civilized world. Between two hundred and three hundred hands are employed at the factory, besides a considerable number in the mills.

Except for three years—1859 to 1892—when he was with the Winslow Mfg. Co. at Bangor, N. Y., and the P. E. Chase Co. at Rutland, Vt., Mr. Morton has been superintendent and general manager of this business which he created and which has been brought to such magnitude.

As one of the trustees of Hebron Academy, several years, he was especially interested in the Baptist church, holding the office of deacon, liberally contributing to its support, and constantly giving his influence to its growth. In Sept. 22, 1881, he married Lucila C., daughter of Elbridge and Julia (Prenniss) Forbes. She survives, but the pleasant home on High street is darkened by the death of his head. Five children are living: William P. Morton, who runs the shoe and leather goods business; Julia P. Morton, another son, died in 1890. There are several grandchildren. Deacon George B. Crockett, the secretary of the company, is his half brother.

The sled factory was closed on Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday afternoon, the business places of South Paris were all closed till after the funeral.

Private services were held at the house by Rev. Thomas J. Ramsdell, pastor of the church, at 2 o'clock, public services were held in the Baptist church and the throng that gathered was one which severely taxed the seating capacity of the building. Carl Jean Toulton played a dirge on the organ. Two selections were sung by Leonard S. Sessions and Gertrude McArdie. The services were unostentatious, as was appropriate for a man of his tastes. Remarks were made by the pastors of the three churches in the village. Rev. Abel W. Pottle of the Methodist church speaking of their school days when he and Mr. Morton were fellow students at Kent's Hill. There were many floral tributes, among which was noticed a sled from the factory hands—the body of chrysanthemums and roses and the rope of pinks. A broken pillar of yellow and white chrysanthemums was from his church. He was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. The bearers were six of

the oldest employees of the factory: William B. Edwards, Walter L. Bonney, Edwin L. Spofford, Benjamin Sweet, W. Adna Barrows and Fred W. Bonney. His daughter Julia and son Clarence were at home at the time of his death. Relatives from away who came to the funeral were:

L. C. Bates and wife, New Haven, Ct. Julia Bates, West Paris. Mrs. A. E. Bessey, Waterville. Clinton Bates, West Sumner. Mary Taylor, Newton Highlands, Mass. Earl Bessey, Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Emma Johnson of South Paris spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. J. Stone.

Walter Whitman who has been visiting his parents has returned to Massachusetts.

James H. Porter has returned from a business trip to Boston, where he spent three days.

Charles E. Freeman travels on crutches. He smashed a toe while working in the woods, Wednesday.

Harry E. Plaisted of Bethel was in town, Monday. He came down to get a horse of A. F. Andrews & Sons.

Hon. Joseph F. Stearns of Lowell was in town, Monday, en route to Augusta to take his seat in the State Senate.

SOUTH PARIS.

M. E. Perry of Sweden was in town, Tuesday.

Parlin has a brand new lot of nice toothbrushes.

Mrs. E. N. Anderson has been visiting her folks at Gorham, N. H.

James S. Record has gone to Jamaica Plain, Mass., where he has a job in a shoe factory.

Gould Spofford came home from Hopedale, Mass., to spend a short holiday vacation.

Rev. Thomas J. Ramsdell of the Baptist church held a service at the jail, Sunday afternoon.

A. A. Walker & Son are cutting ice on the Little Androscoggin river, near the Park street bridge.

Benjamin Maxim has gone to Cambridge, Mass., to spend several months with his daughters there.

Henry D. Hammond, representative to the legislature, went to Augusta, Monday. Mrs. Hammond went with him, and will spend most of the winter there.

R. N. Blossom, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting his relatives in this part of Maine. Mr. Blossom is superintendent of the Abbott Manufacturing Company's works at Minneapolis.

Rinaldo L. Cummings returned from a Somerset county trip with seven horses which he bought there. They are high bred, active young animals. One very nice speedy pair in the lot.

Tenbroeck W. Stetson of Hartford was in town, Saturday. Mr. Stetson is a leading farmer of this vicinity and one of the directors of the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society.

Andrew McGee, a former inmate of the county jail, is serving another sentence, this time of sixty days. He had no moon celebration on Christmas day. He hails from Rumford Falls.

Frank L. Starbird lost a valuable grade Jersey cow, last week. Cause, a mystery till post mortem examination revealed that she was the victim of a perverted appetite. She had been eating nails.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Buck. They have been in Aroostook county, and were returning to their home on Cliff Island, Casco bay, and took a side trip to South Paris.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held on Monday. The officers of the church are:

Deacons—George B. Crockett, Charles E. Tolman. Clerk—George B. Crockett. Treasurer—Ferry E. Lovell. Soliciting committee—F. W. Bonney.

Robert Maxim of the Mountain district on his left ankle while working in the woods, last week. The axe slashed through flesh and tendons on the outer side and cut the bone considerably. He is getting along well, but doesn't expect to do any more work till next spring.

The storm front has been removed from the recessed entrance of the store and savings bank in the first story of Pythian block. The handsome doors of cypress add much to the appearance of the building. Dr. James G. Littlefield moved into the second story tenement, Saturday.

The chimney at the Methodist church was torn down to make room for building the organ annex, so the building could not be warmed on Sunday. By courtesy of the Baptist people, their church was used for an evening service by the Methodists. Rev. Abel W. Pottle preached an end-of-the-century sermon.

Hon. Albert W. Bradbury, formerly of Portland, was before the board of U. S. Examining Surgeons, Wednesday. Mr. Bradbury is living in Buckfield.

George M. Atwood and J. Hastings Bank, trustees of South Paris Savings Bank, attended the meeting of the Maine Savings Banks Association held at Portland, Tuesday.

Benjamin Y. Russell is circulating a remonstrance against the practice of railroad trains blocking the Gothic street crossing. It will be sent to G. T. Ry, headquarters and it is expected that the public will be relieved of the annoyance.

Union meetings will be held in South Paris during the week of prayer, Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Methodist church, and Friday and Sunday (Jan. 19) evenings at the Congregational church.

At the annual meeting of Paris Lodge, F. & A. M., the following officers were chosen:

W. M.—Fred H. Evans. S. W.—Ferry E. Walker. J. W.—Walter L. Gray. T.—William O. Frothingham. Sec.—Herbert Woodbury. S. D.—Charles M. Ritecomb. J. D.—Herbert G. Fletcher.

James Driscoll from Rumford Falls is at the jail meditating upon the way of the transgressor. He skipped a board bill and is in jail for 90 days. There are also \$24.65 costs charged against him which he must pay or stay in jail 30 days additional.

H. W. Dean came home from Readville, Mass., to spend the holidays with his family.

Little Ethel Holden is at home from the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston.

Rev. Abel W. Pottle preached in the Park street Methodist church, Lewiston, Sunday morning, and drove back home in the afternoon.

Papers at the Methodist watch meeting were:

Our Publishing House and Denominational Literature..... Mrs. Benjamin Sweet Our Church Benevolence..... Mrs. L. B. Abbott The Growth of the Church During the Past Century..... Mrs. A. W. Pottle The Epworth League and its work..... Mrs. S. C. Ordway

There were 103 present at the annual meeting and roll call of the Congregational church, Tuesday evening. The contributions for church benevolences during 1900 were nearly double those of any preceding year. Elected:

Clerk and Treasurer—Frank A. Shurtleff. Deacons for three years—J. F. Plummer, S. R. Parsons. Ministerial supply committee—Dea. Horace N. Bolster, Dea. Henry Forbes, Thomas S. Barnes.

Also elected Sabbath school officers: Superintendent—Thomas S. Barnes. Assistant Superintendent—Charles H. Howland. Secretary—Harry Wheeler. Treasurer—Dea. J. F. Plummer. Librarian—N. Dayton Bolster.

BETHEL.

Phillbrook sent away another car of stock, last Monday.

The young people are looking up the best fields for skating.

The chair company expect to start their mill, next Monday.

"Uncle" Edmund Holt is confined to the house the greater part of the time.

The academy school kept on Saturday to make up for Monday preceding Christmas.

"Guilty or not guilty," Stain and Cronwell truly have reasons to enjoy this New Year.

Services were held in the Methodist church on the evening of Dec. 31st from 9 till 12 o'clock.

The finest winter weather with snow for all kinds of business continues to prevail in two last centuries.

The whist party at Odeon Hall, Monday evening, numbered about 50. It was held in the interest of the library.

Ice packers report "Never a better time for the work." The crop is about 15 inches thick and clear as a crystal.

There were about thirty present at Mrs. Gehring's "frolic," last Saturday evening, who pronounced it a success.

William E. Abbott went to Massachusetts, last Monday, where he has been engaged to work with a large company that is handling cranberries.

T. H. Chapman, esq., has a family beast, twenty-nine years of age, and she still acts her rations as well as when a colt. She also often appears coltish when hitched to a carriage.

May all the readers of the ADVERTISER be in the happiest frame of mind on this opening of a new year, and continue thus all through the twentieth century, is the wish of your correspondent.

Rev. S. B. Wheelwright, formerly a settled pastor of the first Congregational church in Bethel for several years in the '60s, died, recently, in Minneapolis, Minn., at the home of his son where he had been living in recent years.

Clinton Barcard, the boy who was so dangerously shot, accidentally, in the fall, was the recipient of a fine "Christmas pie" on that day. It was made in a good large tub—of the washtub size—and it was full and overflowing with presents, contributed by his teachers, fellow students and friends. It contained about 35 presents, ornamental, useful and appetizing (also useful). He is slowly improving but not able to be out of doors yet; and these numerous tokens of respect, with best wishes of kind friends, will make his long days of confinement seem much shorter, for which his heart is truly thankful.

HEBRON.

A. M. Richardson is at home from Portland for the winter.

Herbert Greenwood spent Saturday and Sunday in Hebron. He is working on an island in Portland harbor.

Prof. Sargent returned home from New York, last Friday, where he spent his vacation. Mrs. Sargent will remain in New York with her sister.

Christmas exercises were held at the church as usual, Tuesday evening. On Monday evening there was a Christmas tree at the residence of Lemuel Gurney for the children of the neighborhood. Appropriate exercises were held and all had a grand good time. Mr. Gurney's ways makes lots of presents at Christmas time.

There was a reunion of Grangers at the Grange hall, last Friday evening. It was gotten up by Mrs. Sadie Cummings and Daisy Cushman. An entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc., was furnished. Ice cream and cake were served after which a short sociable was held. S. P. Cushman and wife and D. F. Cummings and wife received the Grangers as they came into the hall, and the treat was furnished by the families of L. L. Phillips, D. F. Cummings and S. P. and H. A. Cushman. It was the most enjoyable time held at the Grange for a long time.

LYNCHVILLE.

Jennie McAllister of West Stoneham is visiting at her uncle's, Burnham McKee's. Mrs. McKee has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. George Keniston, at New York.

Mrs. Ananias McAllister has been in poor health for two years. She had quite a number of calls, the last day of the year, Mrs. Perley Adams and little daughter Thankful, Leona McKee, Jennie McAllister and Mrs. Stephen McKee.

Fordice McAllister and Ellsworth Meader are tying up wood for L. H. Burnham. It is shipped to Boston. Mr. Burnham has four spans of horses and one yoke of oxen hauling timber, pine, hemlock and birch, to his mill. Lynchville is a busy place, this time of year.

George McKee and his son Gene of Cliff Island, Portland Harbor, have been visiting relatives in this vicinity. Mr. McKee's aged father lives at North Stoneham with one of his sons. He is eighty-four years old. It is pleasant to see children remember their parents and take the time to visit them in these busy times. Mr. McKee has built his house on Cliff Island. He says there is quite a settlement there. It is ten miles from Portland. He used to live at South Paris.

Public installation and ball at I. O. O. F. Hall, North Waterford, next Wednesday evening, Jan. 9. Geo. Hobson, floor manager. All invited.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

OXFORD LODGE, F. & A. M. No. 18, meets in Masonic Hall, Friday evening, on or before full moon. William J. Jones, W. M.; Howard D. Smith, Secretary.

OXFORD ROTARY LODGE, No. 29, meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. Horatio Woodbury, W. M.; George E. Tibbs, Secretary.

OXFORD LODGE, No. 1, Ark. Mariners, meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday after the full moon. Lee M. Smith, W. M.; Albert J. Stearns, Secretary.

NORWAY LODGE, No. 16, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Tuesday evening. Charles W. Chick, N. G.; C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

WILBYE ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. Howard S. Young, C. P.; C. G. Mason, Sec'y.

MR. ROSE LODGE, No. 58, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Eliza F. Frost, N. G.; Ada A. Libby, Sec'y.

PENNSYLVANIA LODGE, No. 18, K. of P., meets in their hall, Hathaway Block, every Thursday evening. Daniel F. Dunn, C. C.; M. L. Kimball, K. of R. & S.

A. O. NOYES COMPANY, No. 12, U. R. K. of P., meet in Fythin Hall, the third Wednesday in each month. Fred E. Drake, Sir Knight Captain; Clarence B. Pike, Sir Knight Recorder.

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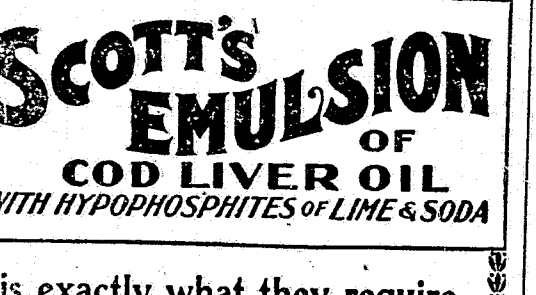
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When Felicia Dons the Jeans.

Written for the Advertiser

DOHA M. W. GREENLEAF. Felicia wears our jackets, Our hats and caps and vests, Our neckties, shoes, suspenders—

"When will she don the rest? She wears our shirts and trousers, But I wonder when she means To complete her present costume And don the fetching jeans.

For the sweet alluring bustle She no longer will find room, And her corsets "et cetera," Must meet the self-same doom.

All her purple and blue raincoat, Fit for ladies, dolls or queens, Must be buried in oblivion.

When Felicia dons the jeans, I shudder to anticipate The most progressive day, When Felicia, absurdly-minded, Sheds her petticoats away—

When with ordinary vision We'll distinguish fads from jeans— For tight skirts won't be "in it" When Felicia dons the jeans.

Felicia worships Fashion, Which has proved we must confess As a progressive day, An unqualified success.

But I warn you, on my sisters, To shun the fads and scenes To enliven social functions, To shun the fads and scenes.

"Saus" skirts upon a crowd, Will it still of her be said, For which they've bought and paid, Or will she do the trick herself?

Never keep a lady standing When she enters the arena, Will she not be earthward hurled? Or is she wise and strong enough To trifle with the "sausage"?

Will she keep her proud position As her sisters and queens, Or get lost in the "sausage" When she wrestles with the jeans.

Ten Thousand Murders a Year. Statistics of murders form rather a gruesome topic of interest and one that rarely comes into contemplation, but their value to the student of criminology and sociology can not be denied.

The Chicago Times-Herald, which has made a practice of collecting figures on this and kindred subjects, presents the following table, showing the average number of murders committed annually in the States of the Union during the last decade:

South Carolina.....	221
Florida.....	381
Georgia.....	157
Ohio.....	157
Indiana.....	157
Illinois.....	228
Michigan.....	228
Wisconsin.....	228
Minnesota.....	154
Iowa.....	202
Missouri.....	202
North Dakota.....	29
South Dakota.....	29
Nebraska.....	45
Kansas.....	225
Colorado.....	18
New Hampshire.....	18
Montana.....	6
Massachusetts.....	6
Rhode Island.....	6
Connecticut.....	6
New York.....	78
New Jersey.....	120
Pennsylvania.....	312
Delaware.....	48
Virginia.....	54
West Virginia.....	54
District of Columbia.....	57
North Carolina.....	57
Kentucky.....	398
Tennessee.....	408
Alabama.....	408
Mississippi.....	317
Arkansas.....	1,021
Texas.....	305
Louisiana.....	305
Wyoming.....	22
Colorado.....	252
New Mexico.....	43
Arizona.....	43
Utah.....	43
Nevada.....	36
Idaho.....	27
Washington.....	27
Oregon.....	27
California.....	422

"The feature of this table that will attract especial notice is the disclosure that the West and South lead in murders," comments The Times-Herald, which continues:

"It is noted that one-tenth of all the murders in the United States are committed in Texas, a fact which disproves the contention of criminologists that crime is in proportion to density of population. It is also noted that Illinois, with a population of 5,800,000, averaged a less number of homicides annually than Mississippi, with a population of only 1,650,000. Vermont, with a population of 350,000, has only six murders a year; while Nevada, with a population of only 60,000, has an average of thirty-nine homicides annually."

The reason for this state of affairs is easy to understand, says the Providence Journal. It declares:

"We all know that the average of intelligence is higher in Illinois than in Texas, and that the people of the latter State are more lawless and more prone to crime. The reason for this is that the people of the Northern States have more respect for the government and laws that are over them, and that they are as a whole more industrious and busily occupied. Idleness, lawlessness, and poverty, and the mental states and vicious practices that those conditions induce, are the fruitful cause of crime and violence—much more fruitful than the supposition that crime is due to the density of individual that comes with density of population."

The New Voice (Chicago) believes that "fully one-half of the victims fall at the hands of liquor-crazed criminals," and points out that the States having prohibitory laws have a much smaller proportion of murders to population than license States in the same section."

The New York Evening Post calls attention to the great number of unsolved murders that take place in New York City. "In the last two years," it says, "about sixty of these have occurred, to say nothing of the total—at least three times as large—of cases where murderers are sentenced to the penitentiary, but failed to result mortally, and yet, where, with the victims' testimony to aid them, the police have turned up clue after clue only to confess at the end that they could find nothing on which to base a conviction."

"With a homicidal record of ten thousand murders a year in the United States," concludes The Times-Herald, "the task that is before the church, the school-house, the home, and the State is big enough to stagger human optimism and Christian courage."

DIXFIELD. W. K. Chase is employed at Merrill & Co.'s spool mill for the winter.

Mrs. Frank Dexter of Boston has been visiting friends in the village.

Fred Keene and family have gone to Sumner to spend the winter with his parents.

John Hines and Adele Dillingham both of Portland, are visiting friends in Dixfield.

N. B. Woodsman, the American Express agent, reports an unusually large express business during the holidays of 1900.

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Hints to be Taken

Practical Education.

That the different sections of this large country alternate in taking advance steps has been shown in more than one separate report of human affairs. While the West has been bounding over the prairies, the East was studying problems of fertilization and arrived at a satisfactory state of knowledge on that subject. Later, when the farmers of the West found that there was an end to their former neglect of it, and in a few years they were again in the lead.

Another instance is shown in the industrial education in the southern states where the labor was formerly performed largely by slaves and the children of the planters had no use for such instruction. On this subject a North Carolina correspondent of the Orphan's Friend says:

New conditions require new knowledge and this in turn requires a new education. The old South is gone with its large plantations, its gentlemen of elegant leisure, its contempt for manual labor, its exclusive devotion to agriculture, and its absolute subjection to the learned professions. Slavery is abolished and with it has gone or is going everything that was based upon slavery.

The new South demands a new labor, intelligent, skilled labor. Even agriculture demands it. With slave labor it was impossible to have dairies, stock farms, orchards, truck gardens—not to speak of manufactures.

A new education is demanded by the new South—an education that fits for skilled labor. Our boys and girls must be taught to produce something better than the raw material; to spin and weave and dye cotton instead of plowing and chopping it; to make furniture and furnish buildings material from our forests instead of shipping our trees as timbers to develop our own resources; to manufacture goods of all descriptions and sell them to the rest of the world instead of buying all that we use and giving away to others the raw material.

We need manual training and industrial education in all of our schools. Not every boy and girl can learn the languages and philosophy and history and mathematics, the sciences and mathematics, but each one can learn to do something, to make something, to create something. Every public school should train the head and the eye by drawing and by the use of carpenter's tools. Such training will arouse and stimulate many a boy and girl who desires knowledge. Skill will beget knowledge, certainly a desire for knowledge.

For 200 years we have had a system of education designed solely to produce professional men, members of the learned professions. Results, we are the poorest state in the Union, and most illiterate. Our learned professions are overcrowded and ill paid. The average professional man earns less annually than a common laborer, and the average laborer to become a skilled laborer and thus enabling them to follow pursuits both comfortable and remunerative, we teach them to perform no labor except the rudest, the most disagreeable, and the most ill paid.

Peasant Plants for Homes.

"Few persons are, perhaps, aware that a thing of beauty is a common peasant plant, growing singly in a six or eight inch pot and grown indoors during the coldest months," says an up-to-date housewife.

"Keep in a warm room or by the kitchen stove a peanut kernel planted in a pot of loose, mellow loam, kept only moderately moist, will soon germinate and grow up into a beautiful plant."

"It is in a similar service that every planter tests their seedlings every year, beginning even early in the winter, and in this way has suggested to many southern flower lovers the possibility of making the useful peanut an ornamental plant for the parlor or sitting room window."

"As the plant increases in size and extends its branches over the sides of the pot in a pendant manner, there are few plants of more intrinsic beauty."

"The curious habit of the compound leaves of closing together like the leaves of a book on the approach of night or when a shower begins to fall on them, is one of the most interesting habits of plant life."

"Later on, for the purpose of a mental reward, enduring for a day or two only, the appearance of the tiny yellow flowers and putting forth of the peduncles on which the nuts grow imparts to the plant an air of striking and unique charm all its own. There is nothing else like it, and florists throughout the country might well add the peanut plant to their list of novel and rare things."

True Hospitality.

Some of us are so situated that we cannot be hospitable in the common acceptance of the term. We have no home where we may welcome friends and acquaintances. We look about us and see beautiful homes into which a guest rarely enters—large houses, richly furnished for entertaining, which remain closed to all but the home circle, and where the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bicknell.

Gertrude I. Butters is at home for a short vacation from Rumford Falls, where she has been attending school.

Lucy Smith is going to Bangor, N. Y., to spend the remainder of the winter and from there to Gloucester, Mass., for the summer.

Asahel G. Smith and Allie M. McKen were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Oswald Luck of Bangor, Dec. 29th, by the Rev. D. B. Holt. After the reception the happy couple returned to his home in Stoneham, where they will reside at present. They received many pretty and useful tokens of affection from their friends.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas tree in the church, Christmas eve. A program was rendered by the children in a manner most creditable to themselves and to those having the exercises in charge. The contents of a well laden tree beside other presents were distributed to the great joy of the little folks, and to the general satisfaction of a larger group. At a reasonable hour the expressions of satisfaction with the evening's entertainment.

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HARRISON.

Evelyn Marquee is working at Bridgeton Center.

Bertha M. Pitts is at home for a short vacation. She teaches the high school at Bangham.

Nettie Merrill of Augusta is a guest at George S. Pitts'. Miss Merrill teaches in the public schools of the capital city.

James Trafot and wife will soon move from Westbrook to some town in Southern California. They formerly lived in Harrison.

Mrs. Lewis F. Dudley died at her home in Washington, D. C., on the 15th of last month, aged 45 years. She was the eldest daughter of Granville and Elizabeth E. Fernald, former well known residents of Harrison. She was married in 1875, and resided for several years at the Pine Grove House, South Waterford, where her two eldest children were born. In 1879 the family removed to Glendale, Md., where they resided and in Virginia for five years while Mr. Dudley was engaged in business for Hon. John Lynch and other Maine parties, since which they have lived at Takoma Park and Washington, D. C. Mrs. Dudley was possessed of a vigorous constitution, and hardly knew ill-health till within a few years past, when she had premonitory symptoms of the fatal disorder which was the eventual cause of her death—Bright's Disease of the kidneys. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her. During the last summer Mrs. Dudley visited her only sister, Mrs. J. Frank Howard of South Waterford, anticipating much pleasure from the reunion with old friends, and benefit to her health; but for nearly two months she was confined to the sick room by severe and alarming illness. After resting for some time, she never left her home while living and until her death suffered intensely from the disease which ended her life. The funeral services were held on Dec. 20th at the house, 310 Elm St., N. W., Washington, D. C., of which Mrs. Dudley was a member, officiated. Burial was at Glendale, Md. Mrs. Dudley is survived by her husband, her only sister, Mrs. Ellen May Howard of South Waterford, and by both her parents, whose home was with her during the last months of her life.

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SWEDEN CENTER.

Lizzie Bailey is at home from Boston. Henry Spears is driving M. R. Perry's team, this winter.

School closed at the brick school-house, Saturday, the 22d.

Mrs. George Wilson has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. S. Richardson.

Lindon H. Merrill is helping O. H. Haskell cut his birch on the Kimball place.

Mrs. C. M. Evans and her little boys, Lister and Ralph, have returned from Boston, where they have been visiting.

Winfield Stevens is cutting his pine. Ed Cronse and John Jewell are helping him. Dell Hoiden is hauling it to Kezar river.

W. W. Wilson is cutting timber on the Kimball place for Ethelbert Bennett. Mr. Bennett hauls the timber to Kezar river.

Lindon Merrill and wife went to Bethel and returned, Sunday. Minnie Cummings, a sister of Mrs. Merrill, came back with them.

John Woods from Bethel is staying with Charles Bennett, this winter, and helping him with his chores. He is a smart little fellow.

M. E. Perry has gone to Hartford to work, this winter. A. S. Bailey and family have moved into his house to stay while he is away.

E. S. Bennett hauled C. W. Bennett's ice, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 20-21, and Mrs. Wm. Mann's, Saturday. A. S. Bailey and Ethelbert Bennett saved the ice for him.

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EAST STONEHAM.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitney were in town, last Thursday.

There was a family reunion at the home of Maurice Bicknell, Christmas day.

Mrs. Lucy Allen has gone to spend the winter with her son, John Allen, who lives in Newry.

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A GATHERING OF LAVENDER.

By ANNIE E. HOLDSWORTH.

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The postman coming down the road could see Miss Caroline in the garden picking lavender. This lavender Miss Jane would afterward make into scented bags for sale. A good summer added so much to their income, but this year there were rumors of a blight, and Miss Caroline's eyes were anxious as she peered among the bushes.

While she picked, Joseph purred and rubbed himself against her gown, thereby hindering the work. Every few minutes the old lady stooped to stroke and admire his tortoiseshell sides. Next to Miss Jane, who was still a juvenile—being ten years younger than her sister—Joseph was Miss Caroline's deal of youth and youthful spirits. To be sure, no one could remember when Joseph was a kitten, but to Miss Caroline he was still young and delightfully frisky.

She noticed now that his pur held a hoarse note, and her face became still more anxious. She put up her glasses and gazed at him in concern.

"Dear, dear!" she cried. "I do hope you are not going to be ill, Joseph. What should I do without you? If we were parted—if you died!"

Here speech failed, and the quick tears of age gathered in her eyes. She was a tall, thin old woman, that looked not unlike a sprig of faded lavender. Her gray gown was faded and matched her gray eyes and her faded hair, but her sentiment, like the fresh lavender in her apron, had a fragrant pungency. Suddenly she wiped away her tears, and her face brightened. She had seen the postman coming down the road.

It was many years since he had stopped at Lavender cottage, but Miss Jane cherished a pleasant illusion that some day he would bring tidings of a fortune, and his passing along the road was the event of the day for the sisters. So strongly did Miss Jane believe in her hopes that she had infected Miss Caroline with her expectations. Miss Jane had a practical mind. No doubt she knew that it gave zest to spare meals to believe each one the last they would consume. Hunger could be borne when hope spoke of a letter on its way that would bar the door forever against hunger. It set a halo about the parlor to picture themselves in it undisturbed and safe until death called them.

As long as they believed in the fortune they did not see the skeleton that sat all day on the hearth—the dread of the union. Confidence in the letter hid from their eyes the bare boards of the workhouse coffin.

If it was Miss Caroline who every summer spared a dozen scented bags for the old women in the workhouse, it was Miss Jane who planted daisies on the paupers' graves and tended them all the year round. She was very pitiful for the multitudes of dead that charity covered so grudgingly.

Miss Caroline glanced from the postman to the window. Then she smiled and nodded meaningly. Yes, Miss Jane was there sewing. She would see the postman.

The noise of the latch gave her a shock. She could not believe her eyes. The expected had happened. The postman had stopped at the gate. He was coming up the path.

The corners of the apron fell from her trembling fingers, and the lavender sprigs poured in fragrant rain to the ground. Miss Caroline tottered to the door, not to take the letter, but to call Miss Jane to take it.

It was the younger sister who ruled the house. Miss Caroline never even dreamed of opening her eyes in the morning till Miss Jane had said: "Now, sister, it is daybreak. We must be rising."

But Miss Jane was already at the door, and Miss Caroline trembled again to see that her composure was disturbed. Recall that, Miss Jane took the letter from the postman in silent dignity. They did not speak till they were secluded in the little parlor; then Miss Jane said solemnly: "I don't know the writing. It must be the fortune—come at last."

She laid the letter on the table, and Miss Caroline sank into a chair greatly agitated.

"If that is the case, let us thank God," she said in awed tones. She fell on her knees, and Miss Jane, with an uncertain laugh, knelt down also. But she remained silent until Miss Caroline murmured, surprised, "Sister, are we not thankful?"

Then, blushing faintly and recalling her confidence, Miss Jane thanked God for his mercy in promising them comfort and a home for the end of their days.

When they rose, their agitation had calmed, they could look at the letter with steady eyes. It lay on the table unopened, waiting Miss Jane's suggestion.

Miss Jane briskly. "I wonder what is in that letter!"

"What can it be but the fortune?" asked Miss Caroline. "It is the gift of Providence; just now, too, when the lavender has failed. And we shall be able to put ribbons on the bags after all."

"Ah, sister, you are growing extravagant already," Miss Jane protested. "And you remember you did not believe in the fortune."

"But you taught me to believe in it," exclaimed Miss Caroline. Miss Jane colored again. She could not deny her guilt.

"I think we ought to open the letter," she said dryly.

Miss Caroline's excitement subsided. She settled herself in her chair and folded her hands meekly.

"I am ready," she said at last.

Miss Jane was a long time wiping and adjusting her glasses. Then she said:

"Now, sister, it is daybreak. We must be rising." Miss Jane turned on her pillow when she said the words. Then she raised herself and stared blankly at Miss Caroline's empty place. She could not believe that her sister had risen without waiting for the signal to rise.

To be continued.

"It is from William," she said quietly.

had to find her paper knife and insert it under the flap of the envelope. To cut the envelope required care and great deliberation, but at length it was done, and the sheet of note paper shone in Miss Jane's fingers.

She looked at the address, and then turned slowly to the signature. "It is from William," she said quietly.

"From William," echoed Miss Caroline, "and we thought him dead." She wondered how Miss Jane could speak so calmly with a letter from her old lover in her hand.

"He is dead," said Miss Jane, "but recently—there is a postscript!"

"And left you a fortune," quavered Miss Caroline joyfully.

"I will read the letter," said Miss Jane.

But when she had read it aloud the sisters stared at each other with stricken faces from which the life had died.

"His lame child—to love and protect," said Miss Jane very firmly and looked at Miss Caroline with defiant eyes. "A lame child—to support!" faltered Miss Caroline. She did not realize quite all that this meant. Her mind groped blindly about the thought. "We have barely enough for two—and a lame child!" she repeated.

"It is she who writes the postscript," said Miss Jane. "She comes tomorrow at 8."

"And if Joseph were not a good mouser he would often go without meat," Miss Caroline continued her reflections, "and with barely enough! Jane, Jane, we expected a fortune, and it is a burden!" Miss Jane remained silent.

"The Lord, gave, and the Lord hath taken away," sobbed Miss Caroline. "Not the money, but the poor creature in the workhouse. And this year we shall not have even sent bags to give."

"It is a comfort that William's child need not go there," said Miss Jane, and her face worked.

"William's crippled child! Impossible!"

Before Miss Caroline's eye came the picture of lame Susan, who sat all day in the hard workhouse chair, and her tears rushed forth.

"That will never, never be!" she cried. "Where there's enough for two there's enough for three."

"Where there's enough for two there's certainly enough for three," repeated Miss Jane firmly. And silence fell.

After while Miss Jane rose. "I will go into the village to get muslin for the bags," she said composedly.

Miss Jane lifted her white face. "We must wait, Jane. The lavender is blighted. There will be very little to gather."

Her voice failed; then courage returned. "But that is no reason why I should not gather what there is," she added with trembling cheerfulness.

When Miss Jane shawled and bonneted, hurried down the path, Miss Caroline was too busy over the lavender bushes to bid her hasty back.

The poor lady was still stunned by the disappointment. Her thoughts trembled like her limbs. They tottered about the subject. Life had been difficult enough before. How could she hope to meet the additional expense of the crippled child? And William had not treated Jane well in the old days. She looked despairingly at the stunted lavender sprigs. They made the future more hopeless.

She was afraid to utter her fears to Miss Jane, whose month, when she came back from her marketing, was set with a new firmness. Miss Caroline watched her furtively when she cut the loaf for tea. She could see Miss Jane making mental measurements of the slice. Instead of cutting it in half she divided it into three pieces, then frowned and glanced hastily at Miss Caroline, who, happily, was not looking.

But Miss Caroline's knees were shaking, and she almost cried out when Miss Jane covertly helped herself to the smallest lump of sugar in the bowl.

"And Jane always had a sweet tooth," thought Miss Caroline. But she said nothing, for the tightness of Miss Jane's upper lip was something new and dreadful. The rest of the day they spent rearranging their habits to suit the needs of the cripple.

"She will have to sleep in the parlor," said Miss Jane. "We are not strong enough to carry her up stairs."

"That will be pleasant company for Joseph," said Miss Caroline. She was bent on showing the cheerful side of the

difficulty. "I think she will be sure to like Joseph," she added confidently. But the words themselves lacked assurance.

For the first time in their lives the sisters were conscious of thoughts withheld from each other.

As the summer day drew to its close Miss Jane's sternness did not relax, but Miss Caroline's head shook with a palsy of uncertainty. The hours aged her. She crept about the parlor, touching the furniture lingeringly, and when she carried the loaf to the larger Miss Jane could hear her muttering, "Enough for two, three—enough for three, enough for two."

Her manner was odd and broken. She even omitted to give Joseph the usual last caress. With the unspoken thing between them the sisters went sadly to bed.

"Now, sister, it is daybreak. We must be rising." Miss Jane turned on her pillow when she said the words. Then she raised herself and stared blankly at Miss Caroline's empty place. She could not believe that her sister had risen without waiting for the signal to rise.

To be continued.

FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

FOR COLD STORAGE.

Preparing Apples—Should They Be Wrapped in Wax Paper?

A question concerning the cold storage of apples which is of much importance and is just now agitated by the grovers is whether or not it is best to wrap them in waxed paper or to pack them in barrels or boxes in the usual way and without any special treatment. On this point Rural New Yorker offers the following expressions of opinion from correspondents:

From my personal experience and observation, I am led to believe that if the fruit is perfectly sound and free from spores of the rot fungus when placed in cold storage it will keep just as well if packed in barrels without paper as with it, but if there are any apples in the lot that have started to rot, or that contain on their surface the spores that produce rot, wrapping each apple in paper will prevent the spread of the disease through the barrel, and in this case would be a great protection. But at the price for which apples sell during the late winter and early spring months I do not think it would pay to wrap the fruit in paper for commercial purposes. I think it is better and more profitable to spray the trees thoroughly and systematically with bordeaux mixture—this will give us clean fruit and healthy foliage. The foliage is perfectly healthy the apples will not open so early in the fall, and at picking time will be hard and sound, which is most important. While in this condition they should be carefully picked, assorted and immediately packed and placed in storage—they should not be allowed to remain in piles under the trees to sweat and ripen.

If you want apples to keep in the best cold storage house that can be built, you must begin to prepare your apples for the trial before the blossoms open in the spring and keep right at it all through the growing season, so that when picking time comes you will have a perfectly perfect fruit. This is the only kind that can be kept in cold storage without loss, and this kind can be kept with or without paper if the proper degree of temperature and moisture are maintained.—Gabriel Hiestor.

I have experimented with apples in cold storage for the last ten years. I am sure that they keep better when wrapped, for I have kept them two years by double wrapping, once with tissue paper and then paraffin paper. But apples can be kept easily if held at the proper temperature, even in barrels or boxes, not wrapped. The best temperature, we have found, is 33 to 35 degrees, but it should not change more than one degree in 24 hours. Apples can surely be kept if the proper care is taken in putting fruit in the barrels or boxes. I find that too many think that cold storage will keep anything, but in reality it does not pay to put in storage anything but well matured, well handled, well packed apples. If so done, success is sure.—L. A. Goodman, Secretary Missouri Horticultural Society.

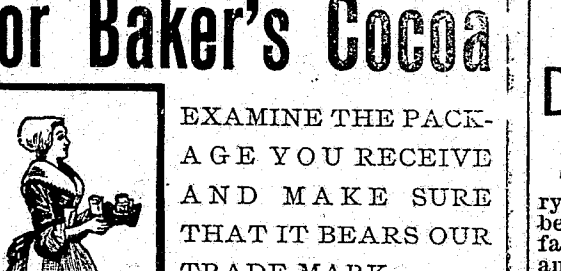
Apples for long keeping should go into cold storage direct from the tree, with as careful and as few handlings as possible. They need not be wrapped in wax paper to insure the best results. Many cold storage men use barrels with but one head, storing away one upon the other, thus allowing a slight ventilation. The majority, however, head each barrel with a gentle pressure, making a comparatively airtight package and believe it to be much the better way, the natural shrinkage (and decay) being much less than in any other form of package unless it be an airtight box. I believe the barrel is preferable to the box, as less apples are liable to be bruised in the pressure. It is customary, however, to store them in the same package, be it either barrel or box, which later conveys them to market. Good fruit, with careful handling, will keep well by either method, the package containing the apples having less to do with the preservation than the fruit itself.—A. W. Williams.

How to Make Celery Jelly.

To one cup of diced celery (the unsightly outer stalks will answer for this) add one pint of water, a slice of onion, a teaspoon of salt and a dash of cayenne. Let simmer until tender, add a tablespoonful of granulated gelatin that has been softened in cold water and strain. Mold in a ring mold. When hard, dip the mold in tepid water, wipe, turn out the jelly and fill the center with a chestnut mayonnaise.

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REPORT

Of the condition of the Norway National Bank (No. 1050) at Norway in the State of Maine, at the close of business, Dec. 13, 1900.

Resources.

Loans and discounts, \$142,183.96

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, \$2,500.00

Stocks, securities, etc., 27,385.22

Furniture and fixtures, 4,150.96

Other real estate owned, 3,240.00

Due from National Banks (not Reserve Banks), 8,889.07

Due from approved reserve agents, \$5,174.49

International Banks, 1,450.00

Checks and other claims, 1,064.82

Notes of other National Banks, 1,120.00

Practical paper currency, before this date, 274.94

Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, \$ 9,671.50

Legal tender notes, 1,067.50

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (6 months), 1,625.00

Due from U. S. Treas., other than 6 per cent. redemption fund, 200.00

Total, \$320,733.50

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00

Surplus fund, 50,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 4,118.31

National Bank notes outstanding, 25,000.00

Due to other National Banks, 220.25

Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks, 7,567.12

Dividends unpaid, 6.50

Individual deposits subject to check, 187,673.59

Demand certificates of deposit, 16,728.28

Certified checks outstanding, 675.25

Cashier's checks outstanding, 1,250.00

Total, \$320,733.50

State of Maine, County of Oxford, ss, I, H. D. SMITH, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. D. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec., 1900, HENRIK C. DAVIS, Judge Norway Municipal Court.

CORRECT—Attest: W. H. WHITEHEAD, C. E. FLOYD, L. S. BILLINGS, Directors.

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W. K. HAMLIN, South Waterford.

NOTICE

Whereas, my wife, Celia A. Fox, has left my bed and board without just cause, I therefore hereby give notice to all persons not to trust or harbor her on my account, for after this date I will not pay any bills or expenses contracted or made by her.

Date at Rumford, this 19th of December, A.D. 1900.

LEWIS E. FOX.

Eastern Argus

1803-1901

DAILY AND WEEKLY.

The Argus looks back over the closing century, for nearly the whole period of which it has been regularly published, with gratitude to the faithful constituency of succeeding generations and with pride in the service which it has been able to render. It looks forward to the new century with undiminished faith in Jeffersonian democracy as the best form of human government, and the determination to make its own service in that cause increasingly valuable as the leading Democratic paper of Maine. Its scope in its views, fair in tone, universal in its range of information and clean in character, has made it a daily welcome to thousands of Maine homes, and the sphere of its influence is constantly extending.

As a newspaper the Argus is fully abreast of the times in completeness of equipment in all its departments. Its general news service includes the fullest telegraphic and cable dispatches, presenting in well arranged form all the world's news of the day. Its local and State news cover thoroughly the First District and the whole State; its market and ship news reports are unequalled in Maine.

The Argus begins the new year and century with a circulation larger than ever before, and the prospect of continued increase. It is the constant endeavor of those who make it to improve its quality and render it more worthy of public support. It is made attractive, interesting, stimulating and helpful to all good causes. It will keep its readers in closer touch with national, and above all, with State and local interests, than ever before. To that end it will seek to give all the news, while its columns will be enriched with the attractive features that have made it one of the brightest and best of family papers in New England.

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The Weekly Argus will keep up its old-time reputation as a family newspaper, covering the news of the State and country with careful attention to its markets and ship news reports. Subscribers to the Weekly Argus are entitled to the Saturday edition of the Daily Argus. This practically makes the Weekly a 50-cent Weekly for a small amount of money.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published in three weekly issues of the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, a newspaper published at Norway in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1901, at one o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

CHARLOTTE H. SWAN, late of Waterville, deceased; account presented for allowance, by Walter D. Brown, executor. Also petition to distribute balance remaining in his hands.

HARRY C. KNIGHTLY, of Norway, a minor; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by George A. Knightly, guardian.

ADDITION E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court. A true copy—Attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Executor of the last will and testament of HORACE COLE, late of Norway, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Dec. 18, 1900. HARRY R. VIRGIN.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of CHARLES H. TIBBETTS, late of Fryeburg, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Dec. 18, 1900. HATTIE C. TIBBETTS.

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At K. of P. Bldg., Bridgton, Jan. 24 and 25.

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Coming Events.

Jan. 24-5—McDonald-Spencer Co., Norway Opera House.
Jan. 25—Auction at Mrs. Thomas Knightly's, Norway Center.
Jan. 26—New Century Pomona Grange, Canton, Me.
Feb. 1—Governor's reception, Norway.
Feb. 12—Supreme Court, South Paris.

New Advertisements.

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Clayton K. Brooks of South Paris has been nominated notary public.

Prof. L. C. Bateman of Auburn will speak to the members and friends of Franklin Grange at Bryant's Pond at their public installation, Saturday, Jan. 5th.

Caroline Hersey, daughter of O. H. Hersey of Portland, who has been studying the piano under Miss Starbird of Lewiston, will now study under Arthur Foote, one of America's greatest teachers.

David L. Stain and Oliver Cromwell, who were convicted at the February term of court for Penobscot Co. in 1888 for the murder of Wilson Barron, cashier of the Savings bank at Dexter, had a unanimous pardon granted by the Governor and Council, Monday.

New Century Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting with Canton Grange, Jan. 9. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. Program:

Business, Election of Officers.
Degrees work.
Recitations.
Reading—Darius.
Music—A. B. Walker.
Dialogue—A. B. Walker.
Music—Summer Grange.
Question Box.
Question—What can the Grange do for the purposes of the Grange? Opened by Worthy Master A. B. Briggs.

County Commissioners, etc.

Last week, the county commissioners held their annual session for the closing up of the year's business.

Among the expenditures of the past year has been the building of a stable for the county buildings at a cost of \$1,500.

The financial statement, prepared by the treasurer and commissioners, shows that of the tax of \$20,000.55, assessed in 1900 against the several towns of the county, there is unpaid the sum of \$223.72. The receipts of the treasurer for the year, including \$7,014.40 on hand at the beginning of the year, and \$11,000.00 of temporary loans, were \$38,124.38 and the expenditures, including \$15,000 of temporary loans, were \$38,716.50, leaving cash now in the treasury to the amount of \$6,407.88. The financial standing of the county is as follows:

LIABILITIES.
Bonded indebtedness—\$30,000 00
Temporary loans—10,000 00
Bills allowed and unpaid—10,600 00
Due state taxes collected—223 72
Due Oxford law library—956 37
Total—\$42,418 02

RESOURCES.
Due from state, tax on wild lands—\$2,114 46
Unpaid county taxes—223 72
Cash in treasury, Dec. 31, 1900—9,407 78
Total—\$11,745 96

Liabilities above resources—\$30,672 06
There are \$4,000 less temporary loans outstanding than a year ago. Last year the excess of liabilities above resources was \$35,554.65, a year ago, or \$5,181.90 more than now.

The commissioners also discontinued the famous location of the Swayn Notch road. It is understood that an appeal will be taken. Perhaps the road may get built at some time in the twenty-first century.

Thursday of this week, Randall L. Taylor of Mexico, takes the office as one of the county commissioners.

Successor George W. Ridlon. The other county officers either hold over or have been reelected.

RUMFORD.

Erye Goddard is thrashing the grain in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Mary Lander of Kingfield has been visiting friends in town.

Josephine Roberts is spending a few weeks at Mexico with her brothers.

Mrs. H. L. Elliott is spending a few days at E. E. Elliott's while her husband is at Magalloway on sheriff's business.

True W. Thurston, an old gentleman at Rumford Center, fell on the ice, Saturday, and was very severely injured.

Will Kimball, proprietor of Kimball's hotel at Rumford Center, died, last Friday. Interment on Sunday afternoon.

School commenced in this district, Monday, Mary Martin, teacher. This is Miss Martin's fifth term in this school, which speaks well for her success.

WEST MINOT.

C. E. Allen is on a visit to Boston.

L. E. Thomas is in Boston for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rand were in the place, Sunday.

Orland Bonney of Auburn is visiting his cousin, Carl Perry.

West Minot Grange is to entertain East Hebron and Hebron Granges, Saturday.

Allice Fulsom of Lewiston is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. L. P. York.

The people here began to harvest their ice, Monday, and it will be a busy time for the next two weeks.

The Grange are to play "The Turn of the Tide" Thursday evening, in Grange hall to be followed by a dance and supper.

LOVELL CENTER.

People in this vicinity are harvesting their ice.

Rhoda Keniston is visiting friends in Cumberland Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwell Andrews have gone to Lawrence, Mass.

Company at G. A. Kimball's, Tuesday, to a Christmas dinner.

John Kimball has a bad hand, caused by a cut and getting cold in it.

Porter Keniston is hauling lumber for M. A. Charles and H. W. Palmer.

Mrs. Benjamin Gray is in Cumberland Mills caring for her nephew's wife who is sick.

Myra McAllister who has been very sick is so far recovered as to sit up most of the day.

Mrs. J. D. Hatch has been suffering from a rising in her throat but is much better at present writing.

Virgil E. McAllister and wife who have been at his father's for a few weeks have returned to Boston.

T. W. Charles and wife of Fryeburg visited at Cyrus Andrews' and H. W. Palmer's, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

J. D. Hatch and daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. J. Hatch, went to Norway, Thursday, Mr. H. returning, Friday, with a load of grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Heald and Berice from North Chatham, N. H., came to the wedding of their nephew, Reginald Potte, and stayed over night at H. W. Palmer's.

Alonso Kimball has been called to Bridgton in the last few weeks, once to attend the funeral of his nephew, Mr. Buzzell, and next to the funeral of his brother, Rufus Kimball.

EAST HEBRON.

Sleighting is fine and all are improving it.

Fred Keene is at home for a few days from Carthage.

Mrs. Ada Dunning of Auburn passed last week with S. H. Bonney and family.

Hattie Young from North Turner is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. O. Hodson.

Sidney Allen with his son Edgar passed last Sabbath with his sisters, Emily and Jane.

Rev. Z. Wheeler and wife are passing a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Hiram Keene in Turner.

Rev. Z. Wheeler occupied the desk, last Sabbath, and gave a very instructive, moral sermon for the close of the old year and the beginning of the new century.

H. A. Hutchinson is visiting his old friends, who give him a cordial greeting. He finds many vacant places since his last visit to his old home. On Sabbath evening, he gave an old song in the C. E. meeting that his father used to sing many years ago, entitled "The Gospel Train." All were glad to hear it again as no one but those two ever sang it in this place.

Christmas festival passed off very pleasantly. Nothing occurred to mar the enjoyment of any one present. The children did remarkably well.

The oranges were hung for the two young and too small for school by the superintendent, I. F. Saunders. Many presents were on the trees and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

SOUTH ALBANY.

Mrs. Ann Flint is improving in health. Mrs. Henry Sawin has had an attack of the old throat trouble.

Winifred Browne of Bethel is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha Sawin.

Henry Sawin had a violent attack of bleeding at the nose, last Saturday.

Geraldine York has had a severe cold, this week, but is improving at present.

Sadie Henley has engaged to go to work for M. M. Hamlin at North Waterford, soon.

L. A. Sawin and son Holden made a trip to Mason and Bethel, last Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Browne of North Waterford visited his aunt, Mrs. Martha Sawin, last Sunday.

George Abbott and Edwin French went to Sumner, last Saturday, returning, Sunday.

J. F. Lord has been cutting and hauling ice for A. W. York and Henry Sawin, in the past week.

Bertha Browne spent a few days with her cousin, Harry Browne, at North Waterford, last week.

Holden Sawin received a fine toboggan for Christmas present from his uncle, Allison Brown of West Bethel.

Bert Bird has finished work for James Brown at North Waterford and will work for E. French hauling pine.

Bert Bird and Maud Dresser went to Welchville, Saturday. Miss Dresser will visit her sister, Mrs. A. L. Chaplin, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Lydia Sawin received a very Christmas present from her two nieces who reside in Washington, Etta and Charlotte Cutler.

Western Land Conveyances.

REGISTER, ECKLEY BALLARD.

PORTER.—William H. Smith to J. A. Holmes, \$35; G. W. Towle to N. T. Holman, 475; A. S. Chapman to J. W. Chapman, 1; J. E. Pratt to P. Warren, 1.

SWEDEN.—Geo. W. Hilton to Portland Star Match Co., \$1; L. A. Gray to Chas. H. Davis et al., 1; C. E. Ring to Chas. H. Davis et al., 100; C. E. Ring to Chas. H. Davis, 700; H. A. Hall, to E. H. Ridlon, 375.

FRYEBURG.—F. N. Frye to E. H. Mansfield, \$100; A. Welch to J. C. Chabourn, 800; L. R. Giles to A. S. Robbins, 210.

LOVELL.—H. G. Walker to C. H. Lewis, \$400; E. McAllister et al. to S. Kimball, 1; J. D. Gibbs to N. Wakefield, 1.

BROWNFIELD.—J. E. Meserve to D. S. Sargent, \$100; H. Durgin to H. A. Brooks, 75; W. P. Brooks to H. A. Brooks, 1; D. A. Bradbury et al. to W. H. Gatchell et al., 1.

STONEHAM.—F. O. Conant to E. L. Conant, 1.

DENMARK.—M. Jordan to R. G. Jordan, \$1; R. G. Jordan to Fessenden, 110; M. C. Whales to A. Whaley, 100; Hiram—H. Clay to H. A. Clay, \$100.

EAST OXFORD.

Elmer Libby spent last week with friends at Lisbon.

Mrs. Ida Emery of Waterford is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. S. Noble.

Geo. Downing and son of Norway visited his father, Silas Downing, Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. N. Thomas spent Sunday in Auburn, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hartley Cushman.

MASON.

Minnie Wheeler returned home from Albany, Sunday.

S. O. Grover and F. I. Bean put their ice in, last week.

Leland Mills has hired with Ernest Morrill to drive one of his horse teams.

Roy Grover has gone to work for Spindler & Co. at West Bethel in their mill.

There was a dance at Cyrus Mills', Christmas evening. A good time reported.

Minnie Wheeler spent Christmas week with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Briggs, at Bell Hill, Albany.

Lumber business is brisk here, this winter. No man need be idle who has a disposition to work.

Archie Hutchinson has moved into one of the houses at the steam mill, formerly owned by the late A. S. Bean.

The prevailing distemper is having quite a run in this place. There at Cyrus Mills' have been down with it.

El Grover came up from Sumner, last Saturday, and took his father back with him to look after a lame horse, which he has been driving.

George Briggs of Albany was in town, the past week, looking for a man to cut hard wood timber for the chair factory, which he draws from his lot on Bell Hill to Bethel.

Some people in this place are getting quite worldly. Not being content with working six days, they cut their ice and kill cattle and hogs on Sunday. We think there is a law to stop such work which should be put in force and, if it is followed up, will be put in force sooner or later.

Wilson-Maxwell.

On Christmas day a very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Maxwell, Sweden, when their daughter, Lena Belle, was united in marriage to W. W. Wilson, also of Sweden, by the Rev. George W. Barber, of Bridgton.

Just as the clock was striking 12, Rev. Mr. Barber with a little nephew of his, as ring bearer and E. O. Maxwell as best man, with Pearl M. Wilson as bridesmaid, followed by the bride and groom entered the room to the strains of evergreen and white pine, the best man and bridesmaid separated and the bride and groom stepped between them.

The ceremony was simple and impressive more so by the use of a ring in the Episcopal form. The bride was most becomingly attired in white muslin, carrying a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid looked very pretty in white muslin with green trimmings.

During the ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate families, there were ushered into the dining room a very beautiful dinner was served to thirty. After which the time was passed in a social manner until the reception, in the evening at 7, when a collation was passed until about 10.30.

There being about seventy guests present to wish the happy couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

During the evening refreshments were served, consisting of salted peanuts and candy, and later the bride's cake and wedding cake which was made by the groom's sister, Mrs. E. E. Flint, was passed around so each could carry away a piece to remember the occasion.

Following is a partial list of the presents, showing the high esteem in which the young couple is held:

A check for \$50 and 1 dozen silver teaspoons to the bride from her father and mother.
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Knight, Peabody, Mass.—dinner set.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Flint—rocking chair.
E. O. Maxwell, Waldham, Mass.—parlor lamp, mat.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Saunders—cold meat fork.
John S. Jewell—pair vases.
Mrs. B. S. Holden—lace tidy.
Mrs. Maria Stone and son—oatmeal set.
Bertha Holden—rose jar.
Mrs. Josie Bennett—lace plate.
Mrs. Lydia Evans and daughter—pair towels.
Mrs. W. W. Bennett—china tray.
Lottie Bennett—glass berry dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bennett—glass vase, cake of fancy soap.
Mrs. Man—fancy plate.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flint—towel set.
Mabel Smith—pair towels.
Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Plummer—fancy cake plate.
Mr. and Mrs. Lindon Merrill—cream spoon.
Susie Tower—linen cloth.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones—china 4-piece set.
Mrs. A. S. Chapman—china tray cloth.
Mrs. E. A. Twombly and Mrs. A. E. Dunlop, Bridgton—clock and ornament.
Julia M. McIntire, Lancaster, Mass.—pie knife.
Grace, Florence and Mercedes Torr, Peabody, Mass.—table cloth.
N. C. Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards, N. O. McIntire, E. Brown, Arthur Saunders, Frank Saunders, friends of the groom at the State school, Lancaster, Mass., where he formerly worked—silver cake basket.
Mrs. J. W. Barry—olive fork.
Rubber rattle with no name, which caused lots of fun.

GROVER HILL.
Fred Wheeler went to Mason, Christmas.

Mrs. A. V. Walker has returned from South Paris.

Browne Brothers are cutting white birch for market.

Erva M. Bartlett recently visited her friend, Gwendolyn Stearns.

Mrs. Eva Fox is with Mrs. Hattie Wheeler during her illness.

Galton Wheeler has been cutting fire wood for his brother, Peter Wheeler.

Sarah B. Chapman was the guest of Gwendolyn Stearns, one night last week.

Lewis Sawin and son Holden from Albany were at Milford Browne's, Sunday.

Winifred Browne went to Waterford, Monday night, to attend the New Year's ball.

Mrs. Mamie Bennett of Norway sent pretty and useful Xmas gifts to each of her relatives here, Milford Browne and family.

Mrs. Dora M. J. Stearns was the recipient of an elegant Xmas gift from Hon. Louis C. Stearns, Bangor, a white morocco case containing six silver teaspoons.

Scrofula

What is commonly inherited is not scrofula but the scrofulous disposition. This is generally and chiefly indicated by cutaneous eruptions; sometimes by pale, nervousness and more or less general debility.

The disease afflicted Mrs. T. T. Snyder, Union St., Troy, Conn., when she was eighteen years old, manifesting itself by a bunch in her neck, which caused great pain, was lanced, and became a running sore.

It afflicted the daughter of Mrs. J. H. Jones, Parker City, Ind., when she was thirteen years old, and developed so rapidly that when she was eighteen she had eleven running sores on her neck and about her ears.

These sufferers were not benefited by professional treatment, but according to their own unsolicited statement, were completely cured by

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That positively corrects the scrofulous disposition and radically and permanently cures the disease.

WILSON'S MILLS.
Mrs. Fred Taylor and children have moved into the woods for the winter.

Fine weather and good roads for the time teams that are hauling supplies to the camps above here.

David York has been yarding wood for N. K. Bennett and Leonard and George Power.

Millie Storey went to Errol to spend Christmas week, while Mrs. Storey and Master Elynn spent the week at Mrs. S.'s old home.

Ernest Bennett has a new sleigh built by Leland Mason, West Bethel, painted and upholstered by Bartlett of Bethel Hill. It is a very comfortable turnout.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.
V. D. Bicknell is very low.

Levi Turner is at work for H. H. Buck. Our whole school is having the chicken pox.

Mr. Thorn sold his farm to Elmer Austin.

Will Cressey returned to Salem, Mass., the 28th.

Ormsby Warren is at work for Clarence Foster.

Francis Bicknell and wife spent Christmas at Norway.

Mrs. Fred Heald is better so she walks about the house.

Clinton Mason cut his hand, last Saturday, quite bad.

There was a Christmas tree at Mrs. Rosetta Warren's.

Mrs. Flora Fuller is at Auburn on a visit to her mother.

Mrs. Ella Robinson is at work for Mrs. Angie Edmunds' at Bethel.

George Record, wife and daughter were at Mrs. Dunham's, the 29th.

Mrs. Martha Record is going to stay with Mrs. Enos Heald, this winter.

Charles Lowe has shut up his house and is staying at Mrs. Jane Morse's.

Mrs. Fannie Lohr passed Christmas with her Aunt Julia at this place.

John H. Carey and son from Salem, Mass., have been in our place, the past week, calling on friends.

Hobman Monk has been passing his vacation at home from Orono. He returned to school, Jan. 2d.

Mabery Mayhew has been at home two weeks from Turner. He went back to his school, last Monday.

Jason Mitchell died at Mechanic Falls, the 29th. He was boarding at Alonzo Buck's. His remains were brought to Buckfield, his home, last Monday, and the funeral was held at his grandson's, Carl Heald's, the following afternoon. His age was 53 years.

The Lewiston Journal.
In the midwinter season, when the people have got their business well in hand and have leisure during the long winter evenings for reading, the publishers of the Lewiston Journal desire to call attention to their excellent product, which has from year to year made advances both in the methods of producing the paper and also in gathering news, so that no publication offered to Maine readers contains nearly so much of matter of interest.

Its price, especially adapted to the production of a class paper, enables the publishers to present every week just such a paper as is necessary to cover the news of the week. While usually we give 112 long columns of reading matter, with 64 columns in the supplement, we frequently extend this to 140 columns in the regular Weekly, with 76 columns in the supplement, presenting matter which would fill the columns of an ordinary newspaper in several weeks.

While making the affairs of the State of Maine a specialty, its ample columns give space for the history of the week throughout the whole world. The news-gathering agencies with which it is connected cover nearly every point on the globe.

The half-tone service of the Journal has proved a very popular feature, and we have been able to give pictures of leading men and scenes which have been attractive.

Since we adopted the feature of presenting the articles in a separate section as a separate sheet with the articles given to Grange matters, this feature has proved a great attraction. These departments will be maintained with increased vigor.

The price of the Weekly is two dollars a year. Those subscribers who pay in advance are also entitled to a liberal premium, to be selected from the large list which we offer.

At this time we desire to call special attention to the Lewiston Journal. Its news, both local and general, is always late, fresh and complete. Every event in Maine is fully reported at the earliest possible moment. Besides the news of the Associated Press, we have the special correspondent's reports, and by the use of the telegraph give all the happenings of the State in each evening's issue. The Journal contains a history of today and not yesterday. During the season of the legislature our corresponders will keep the reader fully posted in legislative proceedings, giving each afternoon the proceedings of the day in full by telegraph.

The price of the Daily is six dollars a year by mail, or fifty cents a month. The Saturday Journal at points reached by the afternoon and evening trains becomes more popular year by year. The terms are but \$1.50 a year. The Wednesday and Saturday Journal, furnishing a semi-weekly paper, costs the reader but \$2.50 a year. Send for sample copies.

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GREENWOOD.

Mattie Tracy from Lawrence, Mass., recently visited her brother Arthur and family.

B. F. Martin is rushed with work, cutting ice for the farmers to fill their ice-houses.

Alden Doughty and lady have recently been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Doughty.

Agnes Herrick has finished work at Dr. Packard's and is now at work in the family of Howard Lane.

Lester Penley is at home on a short vacation from Massachusetts where he is attending business college.

Quite a number of young people attended the party at E. W. Penley's Saturday evening. A good time reported by all.

Ellie Cole returned to her work at South Paris, Monday, after a vacation of a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Cole gave a reception to many of their friends, Saturday evening. A nice treat was served consisting of candy, peanuts, oranges and cigars. They received some pretty presents.

The Christmas tree at the church, Tuesday evening, was well attended. After musical exercises by the children, Santa Claus appeared and helped to relieve the trees of their heavy burdens of presents for old and young.

EAST BROWNFIELD.
Edith Bader of North Sebago is working for Mrs. L. E. Giles.

Ida Fessenden is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Eastman, in Lynn, Mass.

Charles Hill has a crew of about twenty men cutting pine on the Bradbury lot.

L. A. Bradbury has bought a lot of hard wood timber in West Brownfield belonging to Henry Day and is having it cut and hauled to his mill.

The Christmas tree at Bradbury's hall was well attended. The entertainment consisted of solo and chorus singing, music by Ham's orchestra and dialogues and recitations by the children. Santa Claus came down the chimney and distributed the gifts greatly to the delight of the little ones.

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Peas, per can, extra fancy 14c, fancy 12c, good 10c, fair 7c.

Stringless Cranberry Beans, per can, 9 and 8c.

Shell Pole Beans, per can, 10 and 9c.

Tomatoes, fancy 10c, standard 9c, good 8c, fair 7c.

Squash, 10 and 9c cents.

Pumpkin, 9 cents.

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SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Nelson Perham is at work for G. W. Q. Perham.

Mr. Jordan of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. was in the place, Friday.

O. W. Robbins and wife visited his brother, Everett Robbins, last Sunday.

Perley Wyman was at home over Sunday from Hebron where he is packing apples.

Mrs. Jennie Cole and daughter Bessie were the guests of Mrs. C. A. Perham, Friday.

Frank Stevens has finished work at Auburn and is now packing apples for R. L. Cummings.

Ohas. Harlow and wife went to Andover, Friday, to visit Mrs. Harlow's sister, Mrs. Frank Perkins. They returned, Monday.

Most of the people in this vicinity have harvested their ice, this week. It averaged from 18 to 20 inches thick of fair quality.

I. W. Andrews & Sons are running their mill to its utmost capacity, working five to six hands. If any one wants to find a busy place, every day, this is where they can find it.

John Willet who is at work cutting ship knees here was hurt quite badly, last Thursday, by a falling limb striking him on the head. He has not been able to work since, but is much better at this writing.

The telephone line from South Woodstock to Buckfield is being pushed. Five men were sent stringing wire, Monday. The distance is 21 miles; also a branch line running to Farrar's Mills. This line will give connection from Buckfield to West Sumner, Farrar's Mills, North Paris, South Woodstock, Bryant's Pond, West Paris and Greenwood City, also to most of the houses between these points.

Clifton J. Curtis returned to his home in Dorchester, the 2d inst.

A. M. Andrews and wife visited friends, Sunday, in Sumner.

Alva M. Andrews made business trips to Norway and Buckfield, last week.

We are having fine post-office service under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Davis.

Wm. S. and J. H. Davis and sons have harvested a fine lot of ice for their customers.

George Packard and Chester Beckler are doing a fine business drawing birch to West Paris steam mill.

Caleb Morrill of South Paris, who purchased the farm recently owned by the late C. A. Andrews, has got settled and is now enjoying life.

I. W. Andrews has parted with his old mare, Nelly. She was 33 years old, last spring, and had been in the family 27 years. She had a respectable burial and a marble stone has been ordered to be set in early spring.

The telephone wire on the Bryant's Pond line is all strung and the parties from Boston come soon to put in the switches and instruments, assisted by Frank E. Davis of this place. Both this and the Sumner line will be attached to the line recently put in by I. W. Andrews & Sons and will connect with West Paris and Greenwood, making nearly 40 miles.

WEST SUMNER.
Arthur Bonney has bought a pair of oxen.

Charlie Ryerson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ryerson.

Mrs. E. H. Andrews went to Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath, lately.

Harry Crockett cut his foot, which will prevent him from chopping for a while.

Mr. William R. Glover and wife of Livermore Falls visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. Hattie Bessey of Bryant's Pond, was lately with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dow.

There was a union Christmas tree Wednesday evening, at the Baptist Church. The trees were fairly well loaded, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Corry A. Bonney and family have returned home from Hartford, where he has been chopping wood. He is engaged to saw ice and chop wood for several of our citizens.

Mrs. Fred H. Keene and daughter, Olive from Dixfield are visiting at Charles W. Field's. Mrs. Charles W. Field has been called to Lewiston, to care for her sick daughter, Genie.

The Oxford County Telephone Co. held a meeting here, the 27th, and elected officers, as follows:

President—E. H. Andrews.
Clerk—G. A. Chandler.
Treasurer—S. T. White.

Directors—E. H. Andrews, H. W. Dunham, S. F. Stetson, O. G. Chandler, W. H. Eastman, E. M. Atwood, B. F. Heald.

Superintendent of the telephone line—George H. Packard.

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HARTFORD.

Edith Parsons has returned to Portland.

No new cases of diphtheria have developed as yet.

Atheum circle will meet with Mrs. C. C. Fletcher, Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. Ricker visited in Peru and Rumford Falls, last week.

Mrs. E. C. Irish visited Mrs. Louise Holmes of Buckfield, Monday.

D. A. and E. L. Corliss are hauling cord wood for Ed. Morrill of Farmington Falls.

Mrs. Geo. Bonney and children of Rumford Falls visited her sister, Mrs. C. C. Fletcher, Friday.

Orlando Irish has sold his apples for a good price. He has also distributed a large quantity of his neighbors who were not so fortunate as to raise any.

Emery Parsons, Wallace Russell, Walter Farrar and Clarence Mitchell put in their supply of ice, last week. Many others are planning to do the same, this week.

A present of a pair of snowshoes came to the little schoolroom in the Center district on Christmas. Very appropriate as she has a mile of drifts to traverse to reach her daily work.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts will give them a reception at the residence of Mrs. Nellie M. Bonney, Thursday evening, Jan. 3d, it being their 20th wedding anniversary.

Geo. Brown of Orchard Heights farm has six or seven hundred barrels of apples stored which he is holding for better prices. Mr. Brown was quite ill, last week, but is improving at present.

The neighbors of Lemuel Lucas went to his woodlot, Saturday, and cut and hauled for him six cords of wood. Mr. Lucas has a trouble with his eyes that prevents him doing work of that kind.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.
Mrs. Ann Odenwaelder is quite ill.

Lutie Buck has been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Smith and children have returned to Oxford.

Benjamin Moors spent Christmas at his home in Auburn.

Nathaniel Warren's infant child is very sick with pneumonia.

Georgia Horr of Bridgton spent last week with Carrie Weston.

Ernest Gay and wife visited Portland and Windham, the first of last week.

Mrs. Lewis Greene sent a fine Christmas dinner to her son and wife, who reside in Massachusetts.

Rev. B. F. Fickett gave us a grand, good sermon, last Sabbath. He and his wife are doing a large amount of work and the church and are greatly liked by all.

The following families had Christmas trees: Harry Lowell's, Jason Scribner's, Sumner Skillings' and Walker Mills'. There may have been others of which we have not been informed.

Otisfield, Harrison and Norway Colony.

Work at Scribner Brothers steam mill near Rumford Center is well under way.

Jesse and Boardman Scribner come Bolster's Mills and Jesse has charge of the Rumford mill and Boardman operates the mill on Crooked river just below Bolster's Mills.

They saw birch, staves and lumber at both mills and in years past and at present are doing a big business at their home mill. They are making preparation to do a large business at Rumford and undoubtedly they will as they well know the business and are possessed with a good degree of energy.

Their force at their Rumford mill comes very largely from this vicinity.

G. W. Goodwin of Bolster's Mills who has been working at carpentering on their mill and boarding house recently fell and laid him up for a few days. He called on us and from him we got the names of those from this way who are working there. Mr. Goodwin intends returning as soon as he is able to work.

Will Newcomb and wife of North Waterford have charge of the boarding house. Ed Mayberry, North Bridgton; Geo. Farnham, North Waterford; J. H. Norton, Waterford; Ross and John Hartford of Harrison work in the mill. The engineer is Chas. Penley of South Paris.

Rufus K. Morrill, wife and family of Norway have rented a house near by and Guy Curtis and wife and Will Flood board with them. Morrill, Curtis and Flood are doing the hauling.

Frank Strout of Oak Hill, Otisfield, and Will Porter are chopping.

The Scribner Brothers expect it will take them between four and five years to cut out what they have bought. There is a large amount of very nice birch on this purchase and considerable beech and maple.

HARRISON.
Hattie Greene goes to Norway to work, this week.

School began at Bridgton Academy, Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Ollie Payne of Dixfield spent Christmas in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulson have finished work at Elms Inn.

Fred Allen left here, Saturday morning, for the far West.

Howard Farrand of Newark, N. J., was in town, Thursday.

Eva Allen of Deering is visiting at Mrs. Walter Dudley's.

Eugene Davies of Portland is visiting relatives in this place.

J. T. Kneeland has recently sold his horse "Bess" to Dr. Hebb.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walker of Bridgton spent Sunday at Judson Smith's.

The chair factory is running only seven hours a day now, as business is very dull.

Mrs. Silas Pitts was thrown from the sleigh, Tuesday night, and hurt. Susie Pitts is working there.

The Christmas exercises at the F. B. church, Tuesday evening, were very good. The choir rendered excellent music and the little folks did their parts well.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.
Apples are higher, also eggs.

Very good sledding and the teams are busy.

Mrs. A. C. Waite has sold her birch to Alexander Holman, J. J. Holman has sold what white birch he has on west side of main road to Merrill & Co. for \$500 standing.

W. W. White, a life long Democrat and Universalist, died at his home on Tuesday morning, Dec. 13th. He was 82 years old. Funeral at the Free Baptist chapel, Friday, Rev. Manley Townsend officiating.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker have returned from their visit to friends in Portland.

Hon. Dean A. Ballard has gone to the State capital to enter upon his legislative duties.

Charles Ballard came from Portland, last week Wednesday, returning with the bride parties in the evening.

Edith Walker is spending a vacation of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Ella Walker, at S. G. Hardy's.

Annie M. Andrews who has been for some weeks past assisting her cousin, Mrs. Emma Walker, has returned to her home in East Conway, N. H.

There was a well attended Christmas tree and entertainment at the new Union hall, East Conway, on Tuesday, Dec. 25. Some of the West Fryeburg residents attended.

B. B. Woodward and daughter Hattie of Conway, N. H., recently attended the golden wedding of a relative in Lyndeborough, N. H., the birthplace of Mr. Woodward. The visit was after an interval of fifty-seven years of absence on Mr. Woodward's part and a visit to the schoolhouse of his boyhood days and the renewal of old-time acquaintances made the trip a pleasurable one.

TOWLE-JONES.
Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Towle of West Fryeburg, the parents of the bride, were celebrated the nuptial rites that united the lives of Hattie B. Towle and Howard Wyman Jones "in a sincere desire of promoting the welfare of each other for all time."

The ancestral tall clock in the living room indicated the hour of noon when the relatives of the contracting parties assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. E. N. Stone of Fryeburg, a lifelong friend of the family.

The parlor in which the ceremony was solemnized was artistically decorated for the occasion with evergreen and the fragrant fir.

One would needs search far to find a lovelier picture than the bride whose parian fairness was accentuated by the traveling gown of pearl gray of a soft material and exquisitely simple fashion, which was the wedding gown.

Immediately after the ceremony lunch was served after partaking of which the afternoon was devoted to merriment, and the many beautiful and costly gifts, some, whose donors could not be present, coming from beyond the Rocky mountains, testifying to the high esteem in which the bride and groom are deservedly held, were duly inspected and admired.

The wedding pair took the evening train at Fryeburg for Portland for a brief tour and there is a rumor current in this place that they were without shelter from a shower of rain at the station. As they were seen on their return, Saturday evening, however, we conclude that all's well, etc., and all are wishing the pair a happy and useful life.

HARBOR.
Getting in ice seems to be the order of the day.

Frank Giles is critically ill at his home in Whitefield.

George Charles has gone to work for Holt brothers.

Mrs. Abbie Walker is visiting her son's family at North Fryeburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hutchins and Mrs. C. C. Colby of North Fryeburg recently spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leavitt.

The Christmas concert and tree at the church called a very large crowd. The exercises consisted of music by Edith Farrington, organ, and Orrie Stanley, violin; two selections by quartet—Mrs. C. E. Stanley, soprano; Mrs. E. F. Doughty, alto; Rev. E. F. Doughty, tenor; A. W. McKee, bass; a solo by little Agnes Davis was well rendered; and Christmas carols by the infant class and three selections by the older girls; two recitations by the children and several recitations; prayer by the pastor, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. A. W. McKee acted as Santa, much to the delight of the small children. The tree was heavily loaded and every one present seemed to have a merry time.

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Ballard-Walker.

At the residence of Hon. Dean A. Ballard at three o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 26th, occurred the marriage of his daughter, Emma E. Ballard, with Elmer E. Walker, both of West Fryeburg.

About thirty relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony and participate in the festivities. The rooms were particularly the parlor were elaborately decorated with evergreen and fire and brilliantly illuminated.

Beneath an arch of evergreen from which depended the emblematic